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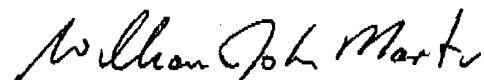
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

As required under 35 USC121, I am electing to restrict the above patent application to Group IX, which comprise claims 19-21. This restriction is solely for the purpose of expediting the review of the application and does not necessarily acknowledge that the other claims made in the original application are unrelated. Please contact me at 626-616-2868 if any further discussion of input is required. I appreciate your working on this application.

Sincerely


William John Martin

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I hereby certify that this letter was faxed to the Patent Office at 703-872-9306 on the 23 day, July 2004